

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; on January 29, 2013, fifteen-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed less than a mile from President Obama's home in Chicago, just a week after her school band played in Washington D.C. for inaugural festivities; and

WHEREAS; every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and thousands more lose family members, friends, and loved ones, while others live in constant fear of experiencing or witnessing gun violence; and

WHEREAS; no person should have to live in fear of going to school, work, places of worship, movie theaters, or shopping malls; and

WHEREAS; more than 80% of Wisconsinites support commonsense measures, like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders, to keep our kids, our communities, and our state safe; and

WHEREAS; protecting public safety in communities across Wisconsin requires acknowledging the pervasiveness of gun violence in our country, collaborating with affected individuals, groups, and stakeholders to scrutinize further ways to reduce gun violence, and taking meaningful, bipartisan action; and

WHEREAS; every year on June 5, Americans around the country commemorate National Gun Violence Awareness Day by wearing orange, the color chosen by Hadiya Pendleton's loved ones in her honor, to commemorate all victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS; by wearing orange and attending virtual events on National Gun Violence Awareness Day and throughout Wear Orange Weekend, all Wisconsinites and all Americans have the opportunity to raise awareness of gun violence and honor every life senselessly taken by it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 5, 2020, as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

and June 5 – 7, 2020, as

WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 4th day
of June 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

